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ARCHÆOLOGICAL PROGRESS IN PALESTINE AND SYRIA

The *Quarterly Statement* of the Palestine Exploration should be taken and read by everyone interested in the archæology of Palestine. We may here only refer to the concise account of recent work in that land for the period July 1920–December 1921 from the pen of Professor Garstang, Director of the British School, in the April number of the *Statement*. The same number contains a reprint in part of an excellent article by Prof. R. A. S. Macalister, which appeared in the November number of the *Expository Times* on “Thirty Years of Palestine Exploration.”

The French journal *Syrie* keeps us informed of the forward movements being pressed in Syrian archæology. The works undertaken there, as reported in the volume for 1921, include: (1) Excavations at Tell Nebi Minda (Kadesh of the Hittites (?)); (2) the study of the mediæval monuments at Tortosa; (3) continuation of excavation at Sidon; (4) excavations at Tyre. Notice is made of the remarkable finds at Byblos, where in addition to the names of inscriptions of Rameses II and Thothmes III inscribed vases of kings Unas and Pepi, V and VI Dynasty, respectively, have been discovered. In view of these notable finds the French Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres has determined to undertake further excavations at this ancient meeting-point of Egypt and Syria.

A Palestine Oriental Society was founded in Jerusalem through the stimulus of Professor Clay, and is publishing a most creditable JOURNAL, now in its second volume, Director Albright being one of the editors. We have also to note the establishment of an Arab Academy at Damascus, which has begun publishing a journal (part 1, Damascus, 1921), *La Revue de l'Académie Arabe*.

MEETINGS OF TRUSTEES

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Columbia Club, New York City, February 18. The most important business was the selection of the building plans. The results of the action taken are given above.

Prof. Max L. Margolis, of Dropsie College, was appointed Annual Professor at Jerusalem for 1924–25.

The Zion Research Foundation had generously given the widest latitude in the use of its gift of \$1000 for the discovery of Biblical manuscripts, and it was voted to use part of this fund for defraying the cost of a trip which it is expected Professor Hatch will make next winter to Mount Sinai to search for manuscripts in the Convent of St. Catharine.

Action was taken in the matter of simplifying and combining various funds of the corporation. Various moneys were united in an Excavation Fund, which is to be used for excavations, and this now amounts to \$3,500.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Old Colony Club, New York City, May 6, and various matters of business transacted.

NOTES

Prof. R. V. D. MAGOFFIN, of Johns Hopkins University, was elected President of the Archæological Institute at Christmas and we welcome him to the Board of Trustees. He has issued an inspiring circular letter to all